

House Resolution No. 181

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to pause in the routine pursuits of the legislative day in order to acknowledge exceptional Show-Me State families which have provided impressive examples in life for others to emulate; and

Whereas, nestled among the trees along Highway P near Owensville, Missouri, in scenic Gasconade County stand three houses in which the families of Harold and Betty Carroll, Jim and Vanessa Fisher, and Wayne and Valerie Heet reside; and

Whereas, grandparents Harold and Betty Carroll form the apex of an extended family, for which Vanessa and Jim Fisher serve as aunt and uncle to Tanner and Slater, who are the wonderful children of Wayne and Valerie Heet; and

Whereas, Tanner and Slater Heet enjoy a close-knit relationship with their parents, who admirably provide for all the necessities and many of the accessories in life through their employment in Jefferson City; their Grandma and Grandpa Carroll, who step in and watch the two boys after school in the temporary absence of the parents; and their Uncle Jim and Aunt Van, who pick up the two children when the grandparents are away; and

Whereas, each of the three families works in harmony with the others to foster a nurturing environment in which the members of the latest generation are taught, disciplined, and loved in preparation for future roles as outstanding, productive citizens; and

Whereas, examples of the unity involved in this stellar extended family include annual collective vacations when the geographic setting changes, but not the internal familial dynamics, and the past year's celebration of Christmas when Tanner and Slater opted to postpone the joy of opening presents until their Grandpa Carroll could return home from the hospital after an extended illness:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the loving, interconnected, multi-generational bonds evinced by the families of Harold and Betty Carroll, Jim and Vanessa Fisher, and Wayne and Valerie Heet and to convey to the latest generation of this extended family, composed of eight-year-old Tanner and five-year-old Slater Heet, this legislative body's heartiest best wishes for a future bright with promise, overflowing with accomplishments, and filled with dedicated service to others; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Carroll, Fisher, and Heet families of rural Owensville, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Charles Schlottach
District No. 111

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 181, adopted January 29, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker